

1. (Currently Amended) An infuser teapot with an automatic removal system comprised of:

a teapot housing;

a timing mechanism;

an infuser mechanism that includes a filter element and a counter balance, wherein said infuser mechanism and is capable of rotating between a first and second position, position and wherein said filter element is in contact with the water in said first position and out of the water in said second position;

a release mechanism operatively connected between said timing mechanism and said infuser mechanism wherein said release mechanism provides for the movement between said first and second position; and

means to keep said filter element in said first position until said release mechanism provides for the movement between said first and second position.

2. (Canceled) An infuser teapot with an automatic removal system of claim 1, wherein said infuser mechanism includes a filter element and a counterbalance.

3. (Canceled) An infuser teapot with an automatic removal system of claim 2 wherein said counterbalance is a counterweight.

4. (Canceled) An infuser teapot with an automatic removal system of claim 2 wherein said counterbalance is a flotation device

5. (Canceled) An infuser teapot system of claim 2, wherein said counter balance is a torsion spring.

6. (Canceled) An infuser teapot with an automatic removal system of claim 2, wherein said timing mechanism controls when said infuser mechanism moves from said first position to said second position

7. (Currently Amended) An infuser teapot with an automatic removal system of claim ~~[[6]]~~ 1, further comprising a detent couple and a detent wherein said detent cooperates with said detent couple to allow for said infuser mechanism to remain in said first position.
8. (Currently Amended) An infuser teapot with an automatic removal system of claim 7, wherein said release mechanism comprises an actuator operatively connected between said timing mechanism and said counterbalance and wherein when said timing mechanism has reached the designated timer, said actuator applies a force to said counterbalance overcoming the support provided by said detent.
9. (Currently Amended) An infuser teapot with an automatic removal system of claim 1, further comprising a latch, and latch couple wherein said latch and said latch couple cooperate to allow for said infuser mechanism to remain in said first position.
10. (Currently Amended) An infuser teapot with an automatic removal system of claim 9, wherein said release mechanism comprises an actuator operatively connected between said timing mechanism and said latch and said actuator is constrained at a pivot point located along said actuator and wherein said actuator receives a force from said timing mechanism, such that said latch and said latch couple no longer cooperate to allow said infuser mechanism to remain in said first position.
11. (New) An infuser teapot with an automatic removal system of claim 8, further comprised of an actuator operatively connected between said timing mechanism and said infuser mechanism, wherein when said timing

mechanism has reached the designated timer, said actuator applies a one-time force to said infuser mechanism overcoming the support provided by said detent.

12. (New) An infuser teapot for making tea from either tea leaves or tea bags with an automatic removal system comprised of:

a teapot housing;

a timing mechanism;

an infuser mechanism operatively connected to said teapot housing and wherein said infuser mechanism is rotatably fixed around an axis and capable of moving between a first and second position, and wherein if left unsupported said infuser mechanism would rotate around the axis and come to rest in said second position;

said infuser mechanism includes a filter element and a counter balance, wherein said filter element is capable of holding either tea leaves or tea bags, and wherein said first position places said filter element and the tea leaves or tea bags contained therein in contact with the water, and said second position places the filter element and the tea leaves or tea bags out of contact with the water, and wherein said counter balance weighs more than the combined weight of said wet tea leaves or tea bags and said filter element;

a release mechanism operatively connected between said timing mechanism and said infuser mechanism wherein said release mechanism provides for the movement between said first and second position;

means to keep said infuser mechanism in said first position until said release mechanism provides for the movement between said first and second position.

13. (New) An infuser teapot of claim 12, wherein said means to keep said infuser mechanism is a detent that supports said infuser mechanism such that said filter element of said infuser mechanism are in said first position.

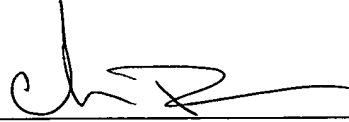
14. (New) An infuser teapot of claim 13, wherein said release mechanism is comprised of an actuator operatively connected between said timing

mechanism and said infuser mechanism, wherein when said timing mechanism has reached the designated time, said actuator applies a force to said infuser mechanism overcoming the support provided by said detent.

15. (New) An infuser teapot of claim 12, wherein said means to keep said infuser mechanism in said first position is a latch.
16. (New) An infuser teapot of claim 15, wherein said release mechanism is an actuator operatively connected between said timer mechanism and said latch, wherein when said timing mechanism has reached the designated time, said timing mechanism applies a force to said actuator overcoming the support provided by said latch.
17. (New) An infuser teapot of claim 15, wherein said latch is constrained at a pivot point.
18. (New) An infuser teapot of claim 12 wherein said counter balance is a torsion spring, and wherein the moment of said torsion spring is greater than the combined weight of the wet tea leaves or wet tea bags and said filter element.
19. (New) An infuser teapot of claim 12 wherein said counter balance is a flotation device and wherein the moment of said floatation device is greater than the combined weight of wet tea leaves or wet tea bags and the filter element.

Based on the foregoing, Applicant believes that the pending application is in a condition of allowance. In the event that a telephone conversation would further prosecution and/or expedite allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully, submitted,

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